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SUBJ: HIGH-LEVEL OAU DELEGATION VISITS QUITO

1. SUMMARY: A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY VISITED QUITO OCTOBER 18 TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR

MEASURES AGAINST RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

2. A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) ARRIVED IN QUITO OCTOBER 18 ENROUTE FROM CARACAS. THE DELEGATION CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: DR. SITEKE G. MWALE, FOREIGN MINISTER OF ZAMBIA; COL. R. FELLI, FOREIGN MINISTER OF GHANA; DR. ABDULAI O. CONTER, FOREIGN MINISTER OF SIERRA LEONE; AMB. PETER ONU, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU; AMB. HUSSEIN SHERIF, LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA; AMB. V. MANOUNGOU, GABONESE AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA; G. DEINDE GEORGE, ALTERNATE NIGERIAN UN PERMREP; AMB. KALENGA KANGWA, ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA; TAHAR SLIM DE VAGHA, ALGERIAN MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY AT THE UN; GEORGE TYLOR, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SIERRA LEONE; MOHAMED SHERIF, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND ISAAC ANDOH, ASSISTANT TO THE GHANAIAAN FOREIGN MINISTER. (ALL NAMES AND IDENTITIES ARE AS PUBLISHED IN THE QUITO PRESS; EMBASSY DOES NOT VOUCH FOR ACCURACY.)

3. ACCORDING TO FONOFF DIRGEN OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS HERNAN VEINTIMILLA, THE DELEGATION IS VISITING ALL OPEC CAPITALS TO DISCUSS OAU EFFORTS TO BOYCOTT RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. DELEGATION MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY TERMED SURREPTITIOUS SHIPMENTS OF OIL TO RHODESIA. THEY CLAIMED THAT BROKERS (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) WERE ROUTING OIL CONSIGNED CONFIDENTIAL

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ELSEWHERE TO RHODESIA. THEY ASKED THAT OPEC MEMBERS EXERCISE STRICT CONTROL OVER OIL SALES IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT IT REACHES THE INTENDED PURCHASER.

4. THE OAU GROUP ALSO HINTED THAT ITS FOUR OPEC MEMBERS MIGHT PROPOSE THAT THE CARTEL INITIATE AN OIL BOYCOTT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

5. VEINTIMILLA FURTHER TOLD POLCOUNS THAT FONMIN JOSE AYALA RESPONDED POSITIVELY BUT WITH RESERVE TO THE DELEGATION PRESENTATION. HE NOTED THAT ECUADOR DOES NOT SELL OIL TO EITHER SOUTH AFRICA OR RHODESIA, AND PROMISED TO INSTRUCT THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, CEPE, TO EXERCISE THE STRICTEST CONTROL POSSIBLE TO INSURE THAT NO ECUADOREAN OIL IS DIVERTED TO EITHER COUNTRY. AYALA WAS NOT AS POSITIVE ON THE QUESTION OF USING OPEC, AND ECONOMIC INSTRUMENT, TO EFFECT A BOYCOTT ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. HE NOTED ECUADOR'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF ECONOMIC LEVERAGE AND SANCTIONS TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL GOALS, AND THE FACT THAT ECUADOR HAS CRITICIZED WORLD POWERS FOR USING THIS TACTIC AGAINST THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. AYALA DID ASSURE THE GROUP OF ECUADOR'S FIRM OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID, AS EVIDENCED BY ITS SUPPORT OF ALL UN RESOLUTIONS

ON RHODEISA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

6. COMMENT: ECUADOR'S FOREIGN MINISTRY IS WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE, A CHARACTERISTIC WHICH OFTEN LEAVES IT POISED ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA. USUALLY THE GOE, CONGNIZANT OF ITS POSITION AS THE SMALLEST OPEC PRODUCER, WILL GO OUT OF ITS WAY TO COOPERATE WITH OPEC AND ITS ALLIES. ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE RACIAL POLICIES OF THE RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS IS ALSO A STRONG MATTER OF PRINCIPLE; BUT AS FAR AS THE BOYCOTT, THE GOE HAS HARSHLY CRITICIZED THE USG IN THE PAST FOR USING ECONOMIC LEVERAGE AGAINST IT AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, HAS BEEN, IN FACT, ONE OF THE MOST VOCIFEROUS OF THE LATIN COUNTRIES ON THIS ISSUE. THUS, IT COULD NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF DOING THE SAME, AND HAD TO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BOYCOTT. CONFIDENTIAL

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7. EMB WAS COMPLETELY UNINFORMED OF GROUP'S VISIT UNTIL ITS ARRIVAL. WE CONJECTURE THAT GOE RECEIVED GROUP ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. BLOOMFIELD

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